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SUBJECT: US ACTION REGARDING TURKISH POSITION ON CYPRUS

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1. I FULLY SUPPORT AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S VIEWS THAT A STRONG EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE WITH GOT TO INFLUENCE IT TO PRODUCE PROGRESS AT THE SEPTEMBER 8-9 CLERIDES-DENKTASH MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION TO NEED FOR A FAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON NEXT HOUSE VOTE ON ARMS EMBARGO, I AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED REGARDING THE AFFECT ON CLERIDES' POSITION ON CYPRUS IF NEW YORK DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CLEAR STEP FORWARD, I. E. TURKISH WILLING-NESS FULFILL VIENNA III COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS TERRITORY.
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2. WITH STRONG BACKING FROM KARAMANLIS, CLERIDES HAS
PUT HIS POLITICAL PRESTIGE AND FORTUNES ON THE LINE IN
SAYING THAT WHAT HE DID IN VIENNA (ACCEPTANCE OF BI-
ZONALITY, A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND NORTHWARD MOVEMENT
OF REMAINING TURKS) WAS RIGHT AND THAT DENKTASH WILL RE-
CIPROCATE BY PRESENTING SIGNIFICANT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL IN
NEW YORK. CLERIDES' ASSERTIVE REALISM HAS
CREATED A FEELING OF GREATER HOPEFULNESS AMONG GREEK
CYPRIOTS THAN HAS BEEN PRESENT OVER PAST YEAR AND HAS WON
SUPPORT FOR A QUICK SOLUTION WHICH EVEN IF DISTASTEFUL
IN MANY RESPECTS WILL CUT GREEK LOSSES. AS NOTED REF B,
HOWEVER, RADICAL SOCIALIST LEADER LYSSARIDES AND OTHER HAVE
SAVAGELY ATTACKED HIM FOR TREACHERY ARGUING THAT HE LET
HIMSELF BE DECEIVED AND THAT NEW YORK WILL NOT PRODUCE
PROMISED RESULTS.

3. MY FEAR IS THAT IF TURKS LET CLERIDES DOWN HE WILL BE
VERY BADLY HURT POLITICALLY AND PENDULUM OF PUBLIC OPINION
WILL SWING TOWARD LYSSARIDES AND AGAINST A SOLUTION. PUT IN
ANOTHER WAY, IN PURELY CYPRIOT TERMS (BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH)
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR A BREAKTHROUGH.
IF GOT IS WILLING TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IT WILL BE
SUPPORTING CLERIDES AND IN TURN VASTLY INCREASING
CHANCES OF GETTING THE GREEKS TO SIGN ON TO
THE KIND OF SOLUTION IT WANTS.
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